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In Re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicants: Makoto TAKEUCHI et al.

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT AND FEE**

April 24, 2007

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(2), i.e., after the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a final Action or Notice of Allowance, along with the required fee of \$180, under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

Attached are copies of four Japanese patent documents, which were first cited on June 1, 2004, in the attached Japanese Office Action, issued in connection with the corresponding Japanese patent application number 2004-94814. Also attached is an English-language translation of the Office Action, from which any relevance of the documents may be gleaned. It is brought to the Examiner's attention that document number 02-195987 which was also cited in the aforementioned Office Action, was previously listed on the form PTO-1449 submitted with the IDS filed in the US Patent and Trademark Office on April 1, 2004, and therefore is not being listed on the form PTO-1449 filed with this IDS.

Also attached are copies of two more Japanese patent documents, which were first cited on August 24, 2004, in the attached Japanese Office Action, issued in connection with the corresponding Japanese patent application number 2004-122544. Also attached is an English-language translation of the Office Action, from which any relevance of the documents can be gleaned. Also attached is an English-language abstract and computer translation of the document number 06-335595, from which any further relevance of the document can be gleaned.

The documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

Consideration of the listed documents is respectfully requested.

Should the remittance be accidentally missing or insufficient, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002.

Respectfully submitted,

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<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
		Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Sub-Class	Translation
	AA	50-1566	01/09/1975	JAPAN			No
	AB	49-120475	11/18/1974	JAPAN			No
	AC	49-119470	11/14/1974	JAPAN			No
	AD	2-4233	01/31/1990	JAPAN			No
	AE	06-335595	12/06/1994	JAPAN			Abstract and Computer Translation
	AF	59-164588	11/05/1984	JAPAN			No
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<b>EXAMINER:</b> Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.							